[*English*]

AIRLINKING OF DISTRICT HEAD-QUARTERS

926. SHRI YASHWANTRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) the names of district headquarters which are airlinked by the Indian Airlines at present;

(b) the district headquarters airlinked by the Vayudoot services at present;

(c) the district headquarters which have the landing facilities but services of the Indian Airlines or Vayudoot have not been provided so far;

(d) whether the Government have any proposal to airlink all the district head-quarters;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) A list of the stations served by Indian Airlines and Vayudoot in each State|Union Territory is enclosed in the Statement below.

(c) to (f) Places are airlinked not on the basis of their being district headquarters but on the basis of the economic viability of providing air service to them. It is not a feasible proposition to provide air links to all the district headquarters in the country.

STATEMENT

State/Union Territory	Station operated by Indian Airlines	Station operated by Vayudoot
1	2	3
Andhra Pradesh	Hyderabad, Vizag, Vishakhapatnam	Hyderabad, Rajahmundry, Tirupati, Vijayawada
Assam	Dibrugarh, Guwahati, Jorhat, Silchar, Tejpur	Guwahati, Silchar
Bihar	Patna, Ranchi	Jamshedpur
Gujarat	Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar, Jamnagar Bhuj, Rajkot, Vadodara	Kandla, Porbander, Baroda, Rajkot, Ahmedabad, Keshod
Haryana	—	—
Himachal Pradesh	—	Kulu, Shimla, Gaggal
Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu, Leh, Srinagar	—
Karnataka	Bangalore, Mangalore	Bangalore, Belgaum
Kerala	Cochin, Trivandrum, Calicut	Cochin
Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal, Indore, Raipur, Khjauraho	—
Maharashtra	Aurangabad, Nagpur, Bombay, Pune	Bombay, Pune, Kolhapur, Aurangabad
Manipur	Imphal	—
Meghalaya	—	Shillong
Nagaland	Dimapur	—
Orissa	Bhubaneshwar	—
Punjab	Amritsar	Ludhiana

1	2	3
Rajasthan	Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur	Jodhpur, Jaisalmer
Sikkim	—	—
Tamilnadu	Coimbatore, Madras, Madurai, Tiruchirapalli	Coimbatore, Madras
Tripura	Agartala	Agartala, Kailashahar
Uttar Pradesh	Agra, Gorakhpur, Lucknow, Varanasi	Dehradun, Kanpur, Lucknow Pantnagar
West Bengal	Bagdogra, Calcutta	Calcutta, Cooch Behar
Goa	Goa	
Arunachal Pradesh	—	—
Andaman & Nicobar	Car Nicobar, Port Blair	—
Chandigarh	Chandigarh	Chandigarh
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	—	—
Daman Diu	—	—
Delhi	Delhi	Delhi
Lakshadweep	—	Agatti
Pondicherry	—	Pondicherry
Mizoram	—	Aizwal

[Translation]

CONVERSION OF RAILWAY LINE BETWEEN PAHLEJA AND BHAVNATHPUR

927. SHRI CHHEDI PASWAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) wheher there is any proposal to convert the railway line between Pahleja, Peepradeeh, Yadunathpur and Bhavnathpur in Bihar into broad gauge;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government so far to get this work started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) : (a) to (c) The work had been proposed by Bihar Government on cost sharing basis. Bihar Government had commissioned RITES to carry out a survey of the above. RITES have submitted a report to Bihar Government in May, 1991.

[English]

TRAINING OF RAILWAY OFFICIALS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES

928. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to send railway officials to foreign countries for the training;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of such officials to be sent abroad annually and expenditure involved therein ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN) (a) and (b) Railway officers are sent for training abroad at Government of India expenses, as and when need arises in the context of technology upgradation modernisation of Railway system. In addition, training offers extended by the foreign countries from time to time under technical co-operation programmes, where no expenditure is involved, are also availed of subject to its usefulness to the Railways.

(c) Training abroad being need based, there is no pre-determined number of